

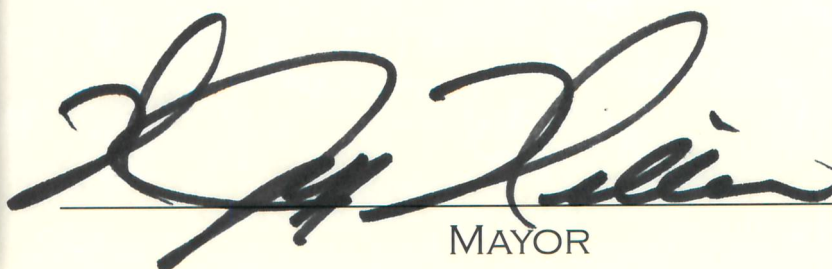
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** following the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the Arlington Fire Department recognized the need to assist our community with an improved allocation of healthcare resources; and
- WHEREAS,** in collaboration with community partners, AFD initiated a 90-day pilot Community Paramedic Program to provide preventative care in the home to reduce EMS system demand, generate cost savings for the City, reduce unnecessary emergency rooms visits and hospital readmissions and most importantly, improve the quality of life for our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** voluntary enrollment, at no cost to the patient, allows specially selected, physician trained Paramedics to make “house calls” to patients and provide a wide variety of services, including in home lab testing; and
- WHEREAS,** results of the Arlington Fire Department’s pilot program include a 911 utilization reduction of 158 responses, a reduction in emergency room visits by 60 percent and an 85 percent reduction in hospitalizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Community Paramedic Program has made a positive difference in our community for our EMS system, the healthcare community and our citizens; and
- WHEREAS,** Arlington was one of five national cities with populations over 100,000 to receive the U.S Conference of Mayors 2016 Outstanding Achievement Award for the Community Paramedic Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, do hereby proclaim August 23, 2016 as

COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 22nd day of August in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen.


MAYOR

